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ASSISTANCE TO SANCTUARIES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of assistance provided to sanctuaries for development of habitats during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether any evaluation sutyd has been conducted to assess the Impact of the assistance provided to them;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether certain proposals for financial assistance under the scheme ' Development of Parks/Sanctuaries' is lying with the Union Government;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(f) the time by which the proposals are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA).

(a) The quantum of assistance provided to various sanctuaries and national parks for conservation and development of bahitats during the last three years is given in the Annexure.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. At the end of the eighth Five Year Plan, the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries' was evaluated by five Organizations namely, M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai, Indian Institute of Forests Management, Bhopal, Development Alternatives, New Delhi, Indian Society of Wildlife Research, Kolkata and GEER Foundation, Gujarat. They noted that the scheme is the only source of funds to the Protected Areas and therefore recommended for the continuation of scheme in the next plan period with increased financial outlay

(d), (e) & (f) Proposals in the form of Annual Plan of Operations (APO) for financial assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of "Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries" are received from State/UT Governments from time to time. These proposals are scrutinized and financial assistance provided to States/UTs subject to the availability of funds and fulfillment of necessary criteria.